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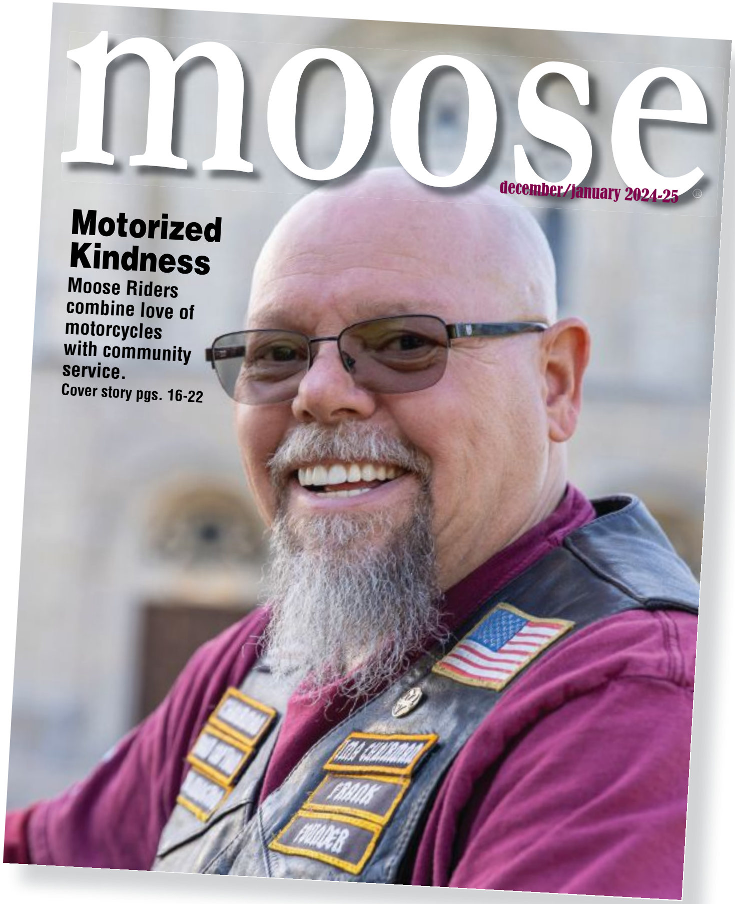
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ceo's column

The weekend long celebration of our Mooseheart and Moosehaven Founder, James J. Davis, had just begun. More than 80 members from Ohio and Michigan gathered at the PJO Centre for Tomorrow to fill Halloween candy bags for the Mooseheart children that would be given out during Reverse Trick-or-Treating the next day.

I had helped in this process for a number of years, having started at the bottom of the candy barrel (Dum Dums suckers) and worked my way up to Smarties candy. With my head held high, I glided into the room, fully expecting my assignment to be the coveted 100 GRAND candy bar.

Sweet Drill Sergeant/Candy Coordinator Carol Colby pointed me to my reserved spot at the head of the table. I knew this was going to be the absolute best as I high-fived some good friends, shared some head nods and smiles at those already seated. As my eyes fell upon the pile of candy in front of my chair, a wave of embarrassment washed over me. I could hear those little suckers laughing at me, all 1,000+ of them. What did I do to deserve this demotion of demotions, sending me back to the starting space of Moose Candyland?

As the room broke out in laughter, I realized that it wasn't about the sugary glory that I sought, but doing my best in the assignment I had been given. As part of the Moose Fraternity that night, I dropped 8 Dum Dum suckers in each Halloween-themed bag that passed before me with care and thoughtfulness toward the eventual recipient, a Mooseheart child.

Throughout the rest of a beautiful weekend, and along with Chairman of the Board of Directors, Robert K. Funkey, we enjoyed friendly competition between the **Ohio State Moose Association** and **Michigan Moose Association**, pumpkin carving, hayrides, a haunted house and finally a stack of the best blueberry pancakes, made by volunteers from **Mecca 9 (IL) Moose Legion**.

As we celebrate the holiday season and look toward 2025, don't consider any task, assignment or duty beneath you. Embrace the opportunity to make even the smallest difference, because when you take part in service to your lodge, community and to Mooseheart and Moosehaven, you win. More importantly, our children and seniors win. If you need tables cleared, dishes washed or walls painted, just let me know, because I am a sucker for building up our incredible Moose Fraternity! God Bless! ■

Scott Hart *CEO, PSG PIP*

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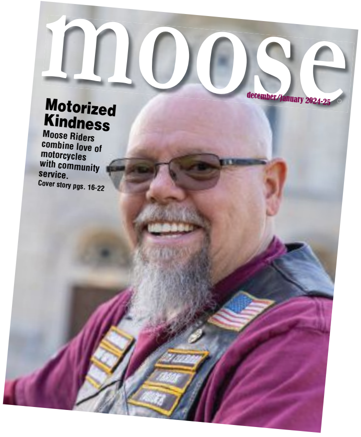

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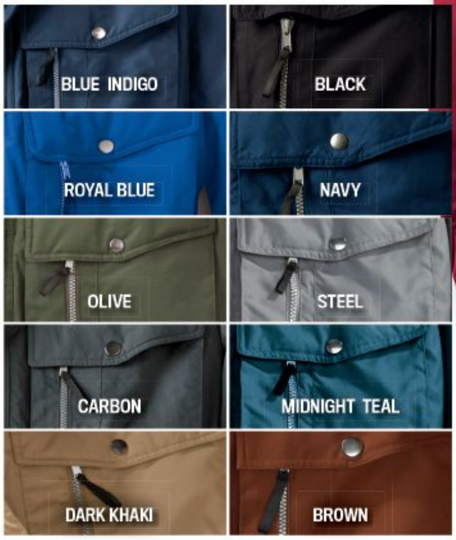
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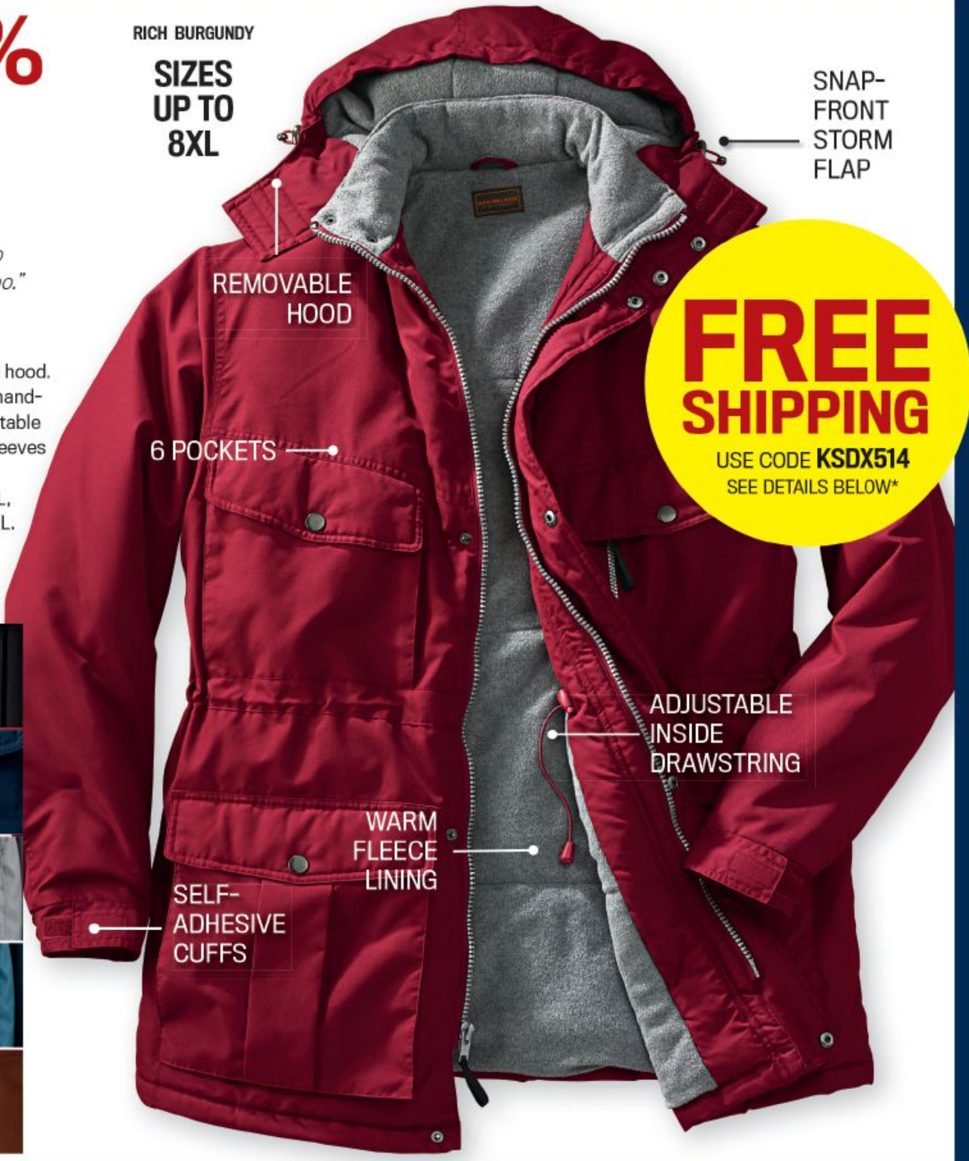
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Muskego, WI Becomes Hub For Hurricane Relief Collection

Tracy Manz, President of **Muskego, WI Lodge 1057** and a Past Senior Regent for **Muskego, WI Chapter 1617**, wanted to do something to help those affected by Hurricane Helene, which devastated residents in six states in September.

"My husband Mike and I priced out a pallet of water and put it before the lodge for approval," Manz said.

Things escalated far beyond one pallet of water as the news went viral. Lodges in Southeastern Wisconsin expressed an interest in helping. Moose Rider groups joined in as did lodges from Northern Illinois. Donation packages from Amazon arrived from Indiana and Illinois.

Then non-Moose members became involved. The local Penske truck rental facility provided one truck to the lodge and then a second as the need grew. On the collection day, a steady stream of vehicles came through the lodge to drop off items.

Eventually, the supplies filled three vehicles, which were taken to **Elizabethton, TN Lodge 360**, the closest unaffected lodge in Tennessee to North Carolina.

Manz said the relevance of the current "Embrace Our Communities" membership campaign theme wasn't lost on her through the process.

"We really took that theme to heart this year. We want to spread the word all day and all year that 'If you need us, the Moose is here for you,'" Manz said.

I think people trust the Moose and they know that donations from the Moose will get to the people it's supposed to reach.

— Tracey Manz, President
Muskego, WI Lodge 1057

Eden, NC Lodge 864 *recently packed 50 backpacks with school supplies during a "Backpacks for Kids" event.*

Leisure City, FL Lodge 2258 *collected items through a donation drive following Hurricane Helene's devastation to large areas of the Southeastern U.S. in September. The lodge's donations headed to Hendersonville, NC for distribution.*

Following the Florida Moose Association's Comfort Case project (Page 6), ***Naples, FL Lodge 1782*** *donated 20 Comfort Cases to Youth Haven of Southwest Florida.*

Making a Difference — It's What We Do!

Grand Ballroom C
Helping bring dignity and hope to youth in foster care

The Florida Moose Association's Heart of the Community Committee held a Comfort Cases Packing Party project earlier this year in conjunction with the FMA Mid-Year Conference. The event benefitted child advocacy centers throughout Florida. At the event, more than 130 members packed 342 Comfort Cases. Each case included a blanket, toiletries, books, pencils, crayons, pajamas and a Tommy Moose plush doll. Members from 16 different Florida lodges delivered the cases foster care agencies following the event. Following the Florida Moose Association's Comfort Case project (See Page 5), ***Naples, FL Lodge 1782*** *distributed 20 Comfort Cases to Youth Haven of Southwest Florida.*

Greeneville, TN Lodge 692 *hosted a community fundraiser earlier this year and raised more than $2,000 so the Tusculum, TN Police Department could purchase body armor for some of its reserve officers.*

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Point Pleasant, WV Lodge 731 *recently set records at its charity bingo events. First, the lodge raised $3,583 for local Emergency Medical Services.The bingo event held on behalf of Point Pleasant Youth Softball raised $4,000. A third record was set when $4,660 was raised for local branches of the General Foundation of Women's Clubs and the Women's Club of Point Pleasant.*

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Defiance, OH Lodge 2094 *teamed with the Northeastern Local Schools Fund and raised $12,720 toward purchase of a grand piano for the local performing arts center, located at Tinora High School. Overall efforts raised $18,000. Pictured from left are Northeastern Local Schools Fund and Grand Piano Capital Project Chair Emilie Parsons and Lodge 2094 Administrator Stacy McCartney.*

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Following the September devastation left by Hurricane Helene, ***Murfreesboro, TN Lodge 645*** *delivered two truckloads of supplies to be distributed to those in need to* ***Erwin, TN Lodge 939****.*

Recent collections allowed ***Murfreesboro, TN Lodge 645*** *to make a large donation of school supplies to two underfunded area schools.*

Roseville, CA Lodge 1293 *raised $2,500 at a recent Higher Degrees dinner, money that Camp Ross will use to resurface its basketball court and also purchase new basketballs and nets.*

For the second consecutive year, ***Pullman, WA Lodge 943*** *and* ***Pullman, WA Chapter 2350*** *combined with M****oscow, ID Lodge 871 /Chapter 710*** *– the "the Palouse Moose" and earned the Best Bites Award for its lentil frozen yogurt at the National Lentil Festival in Pullman, WA. The lodges also raised $1,200 for multiple community organizations.*

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Lower Niagara, NY Lodge 584 *held a tailgate fundraiser this fall and raised $3,000 for Western New York Heroes/ Pawsitive For Heroes in honor of a Moose member who was a veteran who passed away earlier in the year. Pawsitive for Heroes provides service dogs to veterans.*

Welcome Moose Lodge 1223
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Bradenton, FL Lodge 1223 *member Jennifer Salle crocheted hats and headbands to be given to Mooseheart children.*

Inverness, FL Lodge 2112 /Chapter 1773 *donated $1,500 to support three Central Citrus Little League teams.*

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Moose Legion Conference Session I 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.
WOTM Business Session 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Moose Legion Conference Session II 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Star Luncheon and Conferral Noon – 3 p.m.
Moose Legion Luncheon and Session Noon – 2:30 p.m.
Mooseheart 5th and 8th Grade Promotion 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Opening Session of The Moose 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

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Entire Day's Program at Mooseheart Buses leave 6 a.m. – 9 a.m.
College of Regents Conferral 9 a.m. – Noon
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Second Session of The Moose 10 a.m. – Noon
College of Regents Luncheon 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Moose Workshops 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Moose Legion Ritual Competition Awards/Dinner 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Evening Open

Monday, May 26, 2025

Academy of Friendship Breakfast 7 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Gift Store, Display Area and Registration Open 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
3rd Session of The Moose 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Pilgrim Luncheon Noon – 1:30 p.m.
Workshops 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
25 Club Party/Entertainment 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Installation of Officers 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Heart of the Community Event 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
League of Guardians Event at the
Harley-Davidson Museum 4 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

For registration and hotel information visit **www.mooseintl.org**.

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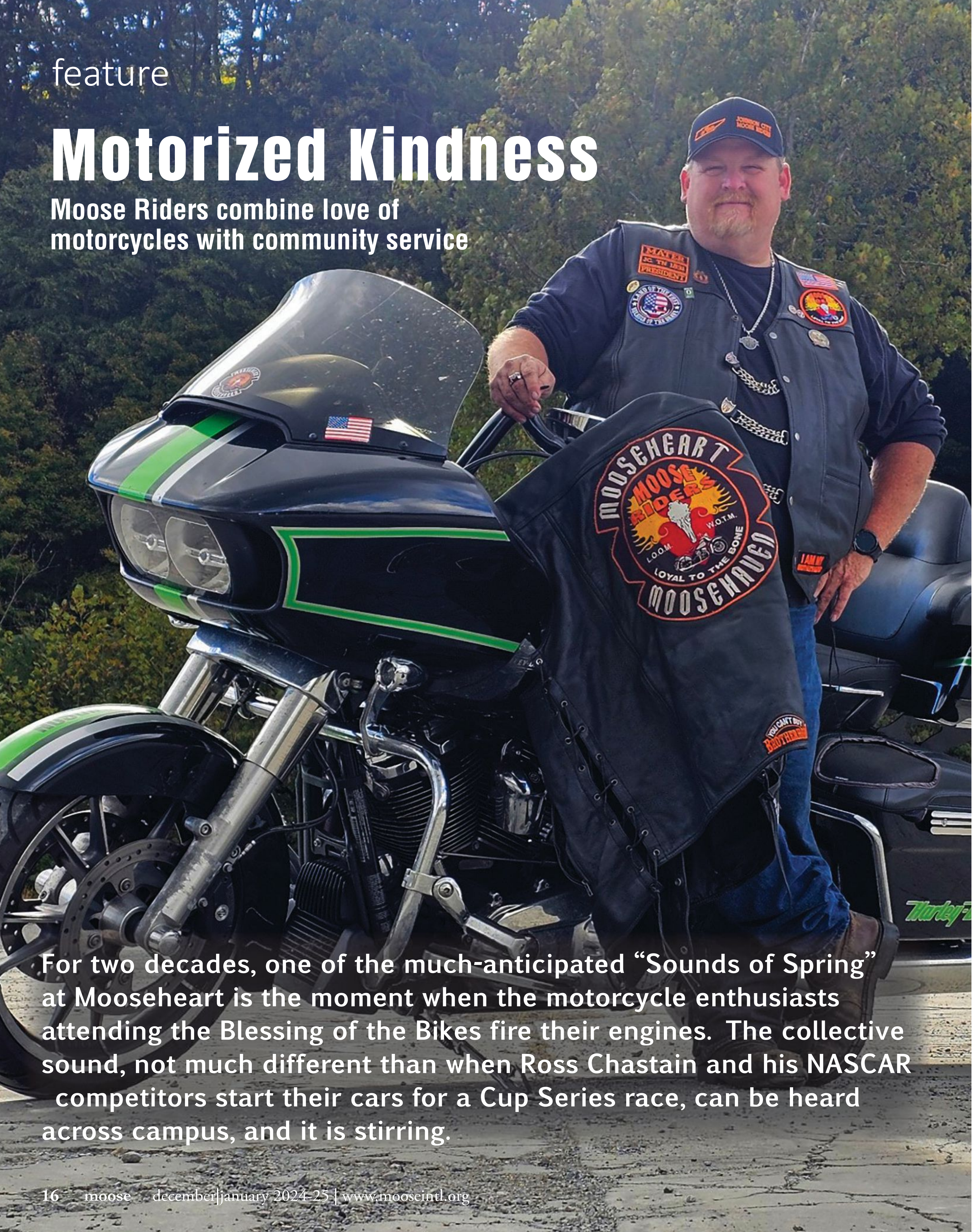
Motorized Kindness

Moose Riders combine love of motorcycles with community service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For two decades, one of the much-anticipated "Sounds of Spring" at Mooseheart is the moment when the motorcycle enthusiasts attending the Blessing of the Bikes fire their engines. The collective sound, not much different than when Ross Chastain and his NASCAR competitors start their cars for a Cup Series race, can be heard across campus, and it is stirring.

What comes next is just as awesome, as hundreds of motorcycles make the parade through campus on their way to the House of God and the blessing for a safe riding season.

The vast majority of those who attend the Bike Blessing are Moose Riders, Moose members who form activity clubs within their lodges to share their love of riding a motorcycle on the open road.

While the Blessing of the Bikes is a very visible moment, that ride through campus marks the start of the riding season, and Moose Riders are very busy every spring, summer and fall performing Community Service activities. Dubbed "Motorized Kindness," these men and women not only raise money for good causes, but enhance the visibility of the Fraternity with their efforts.

That giving spirit manifested this fall when hurricanes Helene and Milton devastated a large portion of the Southeastern U.S. In that moment, Moose Riders proved that "Embrace Our Communities" is more than just a membership campaign theme, but words that all Moose live by.

BRIAN MONROE IS A MEMBER OF KINGSPORT, TN LODGE 972

What makes Moose Riders special?

I had been involved in other motorcycle clubs before I was involved with Moose Riders. We are proud to be Moose members. We are Moose Strong, as people say. We love to use the motorcycles we love to ride and to be visible in the communities in which we ride while representing the Moose.

Why do you love being a Moose Rider?

The motorcycle community is known as one of the most caring and generous communities out there. People know they can reach out to motorcycle groups if there's a need. That gives us an opportunity to introduce those people to the Moose lodge. We get to tell them what the lodge does.

As Moose Riders, we put the patch on our vests, and it has "Mooseheart" and "Moosehaven" on it. People ask us about those facilities, because they see it on the patch – and that gives us an opportunity to talk about the kids at Mooseheart and the older folks who are at Moosehaven. Then we can tell them that we're so involved in our community too. We are proud to wear those patches.

How welcome are women and children in Moose Riders groups?

Our rides are about getting together with our brothers and sisters. We're "One Moose" when we ride. It's not just a guys' thing. It's also a family thing when we ride. My son, who's 10-years-old, goes on rides with me, and he gets to see what the Moose is all about.

How did you mobilize Moose Riders after the hurricanes this fall?

We're trying to help in additional ways. Of course, families are hurting and they need food and water and clothing. But you've also got kids who lost every stuffed toy they had. There are kids who haven't got their artwork on the refrigerator at home.

Even though we can't bring those things back, we can try to fill the gaps, and that's why we're delivering Tommy Moose plush dolls. It gets emotional when you get to put a stuffed animal into a child's hands. We've talked with the first responders about what we're trying to do, and they've said that if we get them the Tommy Moose, they'll get them into a child's hands.

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The Blessing of the Bikes returns to Mooseheart campus on May 17. 2025. See page 52 for information.

The Blessing was my second time on-campus. My heart just melted … to see the kids by the side of the streets when we rode through … it was enough to make my heart full for a long time.

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Moose Riders combine love of motorcycles with community service

LYNN MARTIN IS A MEMBER OF RACINE, WI LODGE 437

What makes it fun to be a Moose Rider?

It's the camaraderie of friendship between people with like-minded interests. In our lodge, it's not just those who ride motorcycles who are Moose Riders. We have some members who have classic cars that follow on our rides. We also have all different brands of motorcycles, and everyone gets along. It's the friendships that are built and the idea of being on the open road together. My husband and I love to ride, and we love to ride as part of the Moose Riders.

Lynn and Mark Martin rode together in the 2024 Mooseheart Bike Blessing.

How much do you look forward to the start of the riding season?

We love to be able to go to Mooseheart for the Blessing, and then, the next day, we have a Blessing at our lodge. So we do it two days in a row, and it's all about the camaraderie and it's just fantastic. In Wisconsin, there is a definite riding season and a non-riding season. There are times sometimes in November, where you get that warm day and say, "we can have a quick, late-season ride," and that's always good too.

How do you keep interest in Moose Riders during the non-riding season?

We have meetings once a month through the year. In the winter months, we'll have a breakfast at the lodge for our riders. We'll do some fundraising through those winter events, and sometimes, if the weather is nice enough, we'll go for a little ride afterward.

The 2024 Bike Blessing was the first you attended. What was that like?

I had been to Mooseheart for Wisconsin Tree Lighting, so the Blessing was my second time on-campus. But if you add the two events together, my heart just melted when I saw all the kids and their smiles. To see them by the side of the streets when we rode through at the Blessing was enough to make my heart full for a long time. It was amazing.

How much do you enjoy being a Moose in addition to a Moose Rider?

My husband Mark and I joined the Moose right before the COVID-19 pandemic hit, so there were hardly any activities my first year and a half. The Moose Riders were the first group we joined when we started coming back to the lodge and it was great to start meeting people through that.

How important is the Community Service element in Moose Riding?

I am constantly thinking of what we can do, who we can raise money for and who needs help. Sometimes, it's an organization in our community. Sometimes, its something for Mooseheart. Another time, we raised money for Moosehaven, because they were looking for help in buying Halloween candy. We are continually bringing up things at meetings to try to help out.

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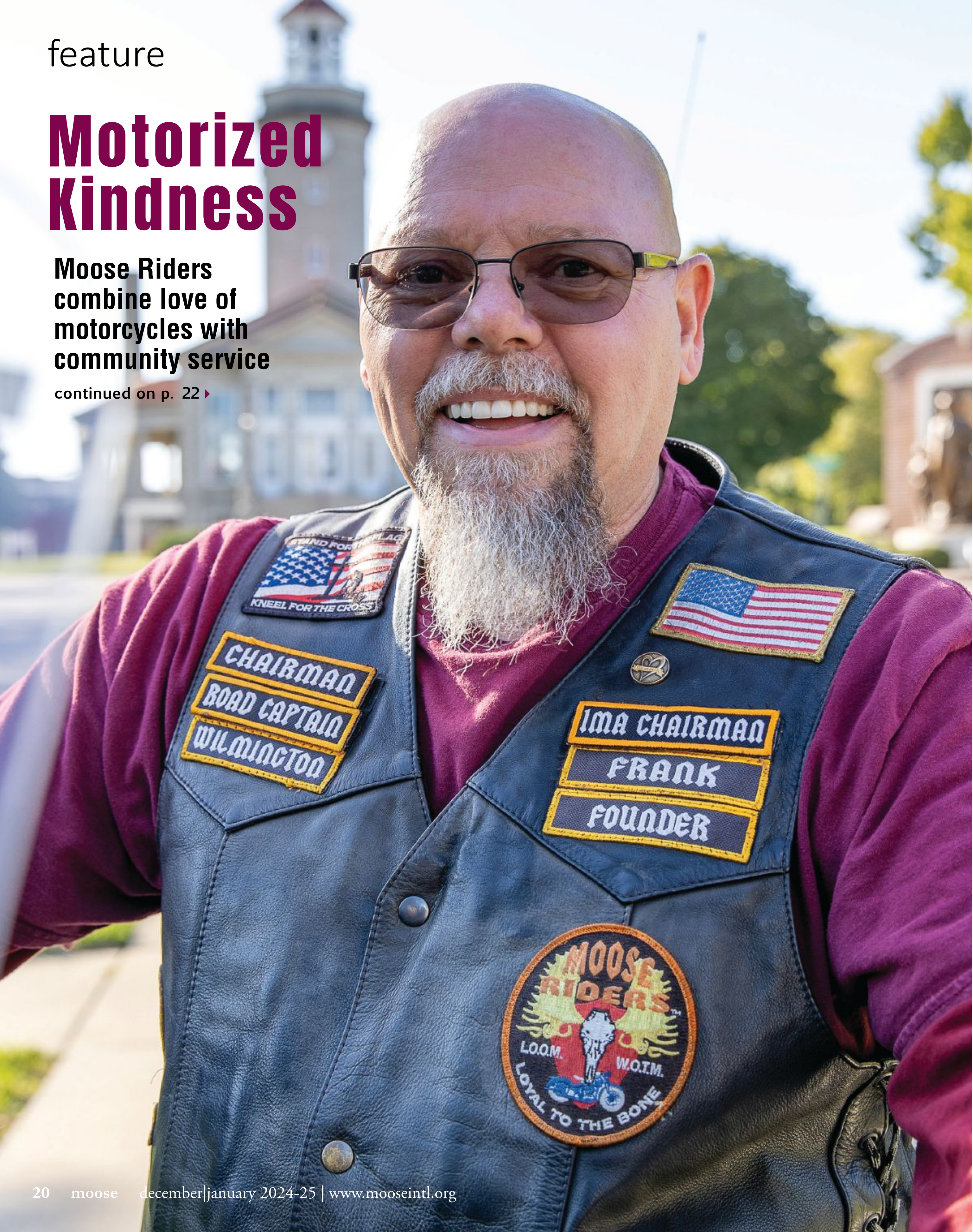
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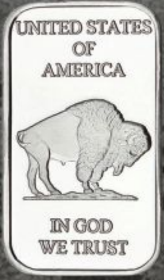

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Owen and Sandy participated in the 2024 Mooseheart Bike Blessing.

OWEN AULT III IS A MEMBER OF WILMINGTON, IL LODGE 241

Why did you become a Moose Rider?

I became a Moose member in 2016, and when I became a Moose Legion member in 2018, I learned about this motorcycle rider's group that was affiliated with Moose lodges. So we started Moose Riders in our lodge.

What is like representing the Moose while riding your motorcycle?

Being an activity group within the lodge, we get to ride and then have people come to us and have them ask us what the Moose is all about. At that point, we're not soliciting about the Moose, because they're coming to us with questions. It has happened so many times that we'll be riding and someone will roll down their window and they'll say they know someone who went to Mooseheart or even just that they know about the campus and want to tell us. Other times, they'll just say that they have a friend who's a Moose member. If they ask us about becoming a Moose Rider, the first thing we'll tell them is that they have to become a Moose member.

What is the experience of meeting Moose Riders from other states?

The more I've been involved with Moose Riders, I've gotten to talk to people across the country, and I see that we're all doing the same things. One thing we know is that without the Moose organization, there'd be no Moose Riders. One of the first things we tell people is that we are Moose, it's what we are. Moose Riders is another thing we get to do as members.

How special is the Mooseheart Blessing of the Bikes?

One year, we came on-campus and we parked by the House of God and they had the kids come on their bikes and ride past us. That was so heartwarming. I saw people's faces light up and I saw people with tears running down their faces, and it was all because it showed us why we do the things that we do.

Last year, it was the 20th anniversary of the Blessing, and they had hot dogs and hamburgers, and we got to eat alongside the kids and that was also so wonderful. It's all for the kids at Mooseheart. I know the kids look forward to it, but however much they want to see us, we're looking forward to it even more.

How much do you love being a Moose Rider?

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It takes a full week to build the excitement to create the unique energy of a Mooseheart High School homecoming. Events start Monday with "Pajama Day" and "Minute to Win It" creative and interactive competitions between the four classes. These continue every morning through Friday, when Moose members from across the U.S. and Canada come to help celebrate with the students.

On Friday afternoon, the school hosts a pep rally, the "Spirit Stick" is handed out (the seniors earned it this year) and the Homecoming court is unveiled. Saturday is no less spectacular, as Moose make presentations at various homes, visibly showing the strong connection between the Moose and Mooseheart. This fall, the weather was terrific and students' and members' smiles were every bit as bright as the sunshine. ■

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Indiana Day Smiles

A rain-filled day couldn't dampen the spirits of the Indiana Moose Association members who filled chairs and bleachers in the Women of the Moose Gym for this year's Indiana Day celebration. Those who attended got to hear Mooseheart's band in its first performance of the school year. Many lodges and chapters brought a wide variety of gifts for Mooseheart's students, and the incredible connection between members and students was evident.

In recent years, Indiana Day has taken place during the school year rather than its previous mid-summer calendar position. More recently, the celebration has been scheduled for the Sunday following Mooseheart's Homecoming, adding a celebratory capstone to the week of Homecoming happiness. ■

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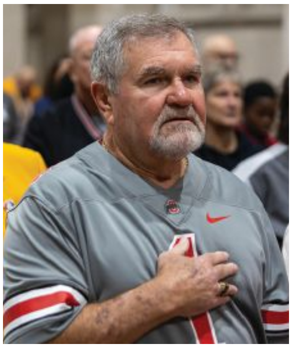
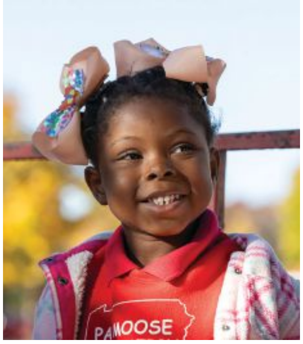
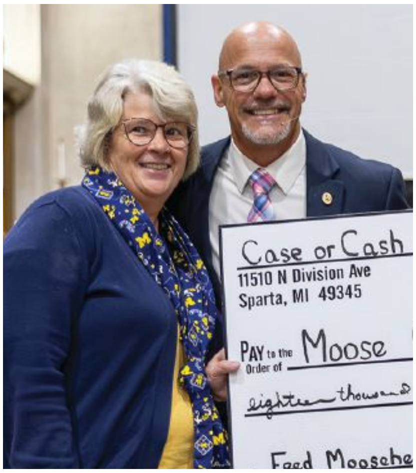
For this year's Founder's Day weekend at Mooseheart, the Moose Associations from Ohio and Michigan organized a contest, with a trophy awarded to the association with the most members present at Mooseheart. Michigan ended up claiming that trophy, barely, but the real winners were the children at Moosheart. A nearly-full House of God gathered to remember James J. Davis' entry to the Moose in 1906. Letter jackets, provided by **Greenville, OH Lodge 329** and **Indian Lake, OH Lodge 1533** were presented. High school seniors received wristwatches provided by the Michigan Moose Association.

Celebrations continued through the entire weekend, with reverse trick-or-treating, pumpkin carving and hayrides on Saturday. On Sunday, the traditional blueberry breakfast took place, and many Moose ate before heading home. While not an actual part of Founder's Weekend, Mooseheart's Naval Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps unit capped the weekend by marching in the Sycamore Pumpkinfest parade. The Ramblers marched directly in front of the **Sycamore, IL Lodge 1506** float! ■







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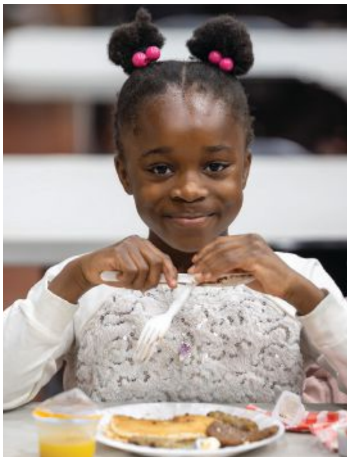

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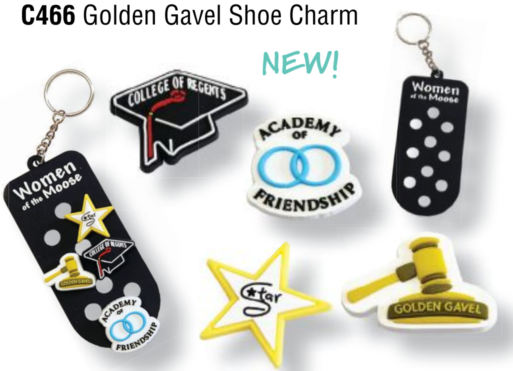
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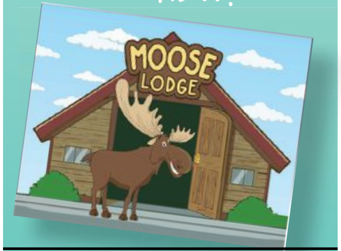
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In the third set, the Ramblers were 24-20 behind – and in a situation where any mistake would have cost them the match. However, the "Fight Till The End" Ramblers rallied and evened the set at 24-24 before ultimately losing 26-24.

Everyone came away from the match with images of Ramblers volleyball players hitting the floor to keep the ball alive, tremendous hits that scored points and teamwork that allowed the match to reach its exciting finish.

The following afternoon, the soccer team capped a week of Homecoming festivities with a thumping victory. As with the volleyball team, teamwork and a desire to reach every loose ball worked in the Ramblers favor. On a very hot afternoon, Mooseheart kept its cool, scored some early goals, then never let up.

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Chastain Has Strong Finish To 2024

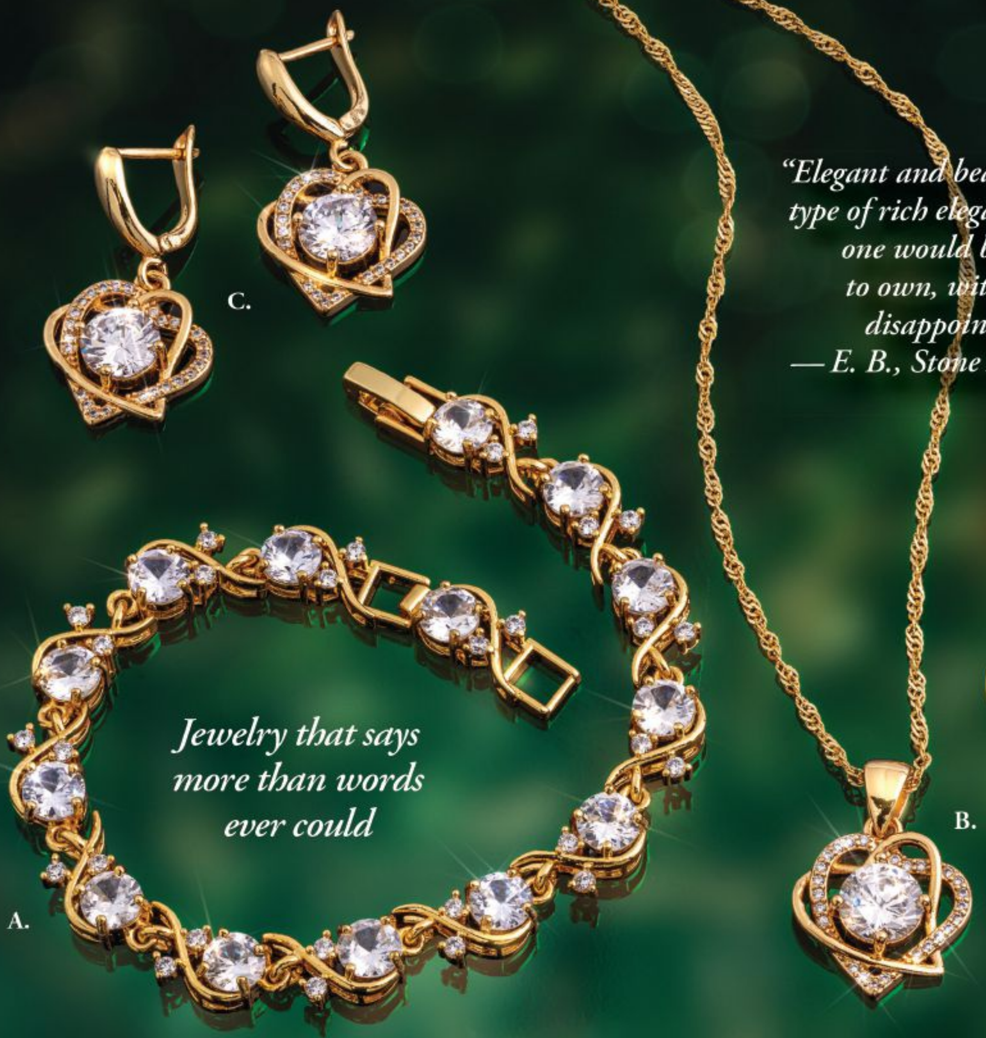
In a long NASCAR Cup Series season, there is room for a wide variety of results and post-race thoughts – and Ross Chastain had a chance to experience many of them in the second half of the 2024 season. There were disappointments, notably a failure to be one of the 16 drivers to qualify for the playoffs that ultimately determine the series champion.

At the same time, there were late-season highlights as well, especially in late September at the Hollywood Casino 400 at Kansas Speedway. In that race, Chastain earned his first victory of the season and the fifth checkered flag of his Cup Series career. That meant Chastain was able to smash a watermelon in Victory Lane and massive celebrations with his Trackhouse Racing team.

One thing that remained constant through 2024, as it has since 2020, the connection between the proud **Tice and the Shores, FL Lodge 1297** member and Moose members. Chastain drove the No. 1 Moose Chevrolet Camaro four times during the season and the last of those races came Nov. 3 at the Xfinity 500 at Martinsville Speedway where he finished eighth.

Chastain is a lead spokesman for the Moose, and he met members at races and at lodge meet-and-greet events all season. Another highlight of the season, which ended Nov. 10, was Chastain's in-person appearance at the International Moose Convention in New Orleans.

Chastain drives the Moose Camaro again in 2025, which starts Feb. 2 with the Busch Light Clash at Bowman Gray Stadium in Winston-Salem, NC. See the Feb-March, 2025 issue of *Moose* magazine for the list of races in which Chastain will drive the No. 1 Moose Chevrolet Camaro! ■



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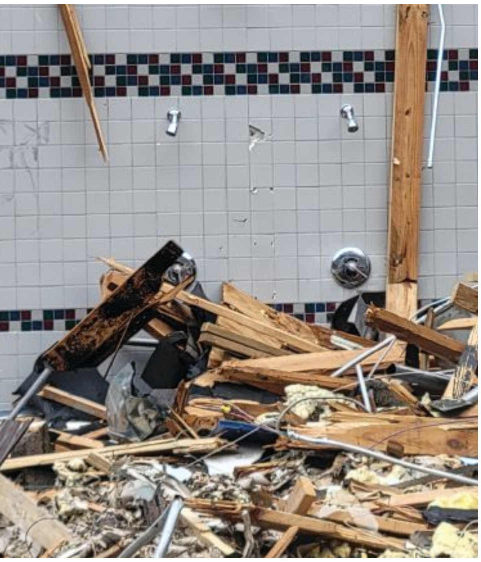

Making Way For AAA

Changes are occurring on the Moosehaven campus and excitement is in the air! The demolition of the New York Sports Complex is complete and construction of the new AAA (Always Active At Moosehaven) Recreation Center will soon begin.

The $10M AAA Project was announced at the 2022 International Moose Convention in Orlando. The project includes a Recreation Center and Riverfront Pavilion.

To make room for the AAA Recreation Center, the existing New York Sports Complex had to come down. Originally a residence hall built in 1952 and named Faith Hall, the building was converted into the New York Sports Complex in 1998.

The New York Sports Complex housed a four-lane bowling alley, an indoor heated pool, shuffleboard, darts, a poker room, billiards tables and electronic darts. It was also a gathering place for residents to enjoy watching a game on the big screen television while they enjoyed a libation or two.

With the new construction on the horizon, residents are excited to witness another improvement to our campus amenities, which the AAA Project brings. The AAA Recreation Center will include a new therapeutic indoor pool, an arcade including a golf simulator, a bowling alley, indoor shuffleboard, space for games and exercise, a gym/fitness center and indoor and outdoor community areas to enjoy.

The support of our fraternal members is amazing and we are so grateful to each one of you for your commitment to our residents and their enjoyment of their golden years. Every day at Moosehaven is indeed "Another Day in Paradise!" ■

— Marina Mathews, Moosehaven Director of Communications & Events

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American Pride 4th of July Was A Huge Success!

Moosehaven once again knocked it out of the park with one of the best fireworks displays in Northeast Florida! This year's event boasted live entertainment with Bold City Classics, a Kid's Zone, food trucks, fireworks and FUN!

Each year, the American Pride 4th of July event is held as part of our Heart of the Community Program where we open the gates and welcome members of surrounding communities to enjoy this free, family-friendly event.

This year, 12,000 visitors enjoyed the fun and fireworks show. There were also approximately 200 boats on the St. Johns River watching the show from the water. The "oohs" and "aahs" could be heard throughout the crowd as the amazing fireworks were displayed over the river. It was a truly spectacular show!

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Moosehaven: "It's Real!"

Tim and Faith Vick and their pet dog Layla arrived at Moosehaven on May 18, 2023. They are sponsored by **McMinnville, TN Lodge 1725**.

What led you to consider Moosehaven?

Faith: Tim was involved in construction his whole life and didn't have any retirement package. I was a paralegal, and I didn't have any retirement savings. We knew we couldn't live on Social Security, so we were faced with the knowledge that we were going to have to work until the day we died.

Tim: I had gotten to know Eddie Muncey from the McMinnville lodge. We ended up renting a house from him after I helped build him a new house. Eddie told us about the Moose and how it helps the kids at Mooseheart and also about Moosehaven and how it could help people like Faith and me in retirement. I said, "Sign me up!"

Faith: We kept working, and it was getting to the point where we couldn't work anymore, and that was when the International Moose Convention was in Orlando (2022) and I visited Moosehaven. I fell in love. I came home and told Tim that we had to go, that it's beautiful and it's where we needed to be. He said, "OK, let's go!"

What were your initial thoughts of Moosehaven?

Tim: For the first days, I just walked around and said, "This can't be real," and people kept reminding me, "No, Tim, it's real." I hadn't been to the doctor for more than 20 years before I had to take the physical to come here, and now I have regular medical care. I thought I was in great health, and they took my blood pressure and it was so high, they were so concerned, they nearly sent me to the hospital. Now, it's taken care of, because I'm getting proper care here. Moosehaven is the best insurance policy on the planet.

How much have you enjoyed life at Moosehaven?

Faith: We both have Sunshine jobs. Tim works as a driver and I work as a seamstress and we both love staying active. We've both put on weight to the point where the doctor has told us to diet some!

Did you have Layla before you came to Moosehaven?

Tim: Yes, and I said that if they wouldn't let Layla go, I didn't want to go.

Faith: I asked about bringing our dog, and they said we could bring her. Everybody loves her, and she keeps us entertained. ■

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Perhaps it's the lure of freedom, the roar of the engines, or the fact that we can get away from our phones for a while. Whatever the reason, we can't deny that we are practicing our love of being together, and it is likely for something other than the above reasons.

The best feeling in the world is to do something you love and help those less fortunate. Our Moose Riders come from all walks of life. They have vehicles with two or three or even four wheels. They also share the feeling one gets when you combine your passion with something you feel strongly about. You see it in all the activities they do through the course of the year – Moose Riders love being together and, on the road, – but they also enjoy promoting the mission of the Moose and fostering goodwill in our communities. Our current Membership theme is "Embrace our Communities," and Moose Riders love to organize fundraising rides to help someone in their community, a fellow Moose and even sometimes a fellow Moose Rider.

We build our membership through activities and functions and by working together. Moose Riders make a positive difference in many lodges across the U.S. and Canada. I am particularly proud to ride with the Moose Riders of **Worthington, OH Lodge 1427**, a lodge of which I am a member.

Whether you are a Moose Rider or not, you'll find that Moose like to do things that are fun and for a good cause. We are thankful for all your efforts to support your communities and also our twin causes of Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

May God bless you all. Ride safe, Moose Riders! ■

— Mike Rios, Director of Membership

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Having grown up and living in Illinois my entire life, I find it hard to get into the Christmas spirit living in Florida. Is it because fall doesn't transition into winter, that there isn't any snow or that it isn't cold enough?

Florida, however, doesn't lack Christmas trees or holiday decorations. I believe the problem is that Christmas products started showing up in stores in August (yes August); Hallmark movies started October 18 and Sirius XM started playing Christmas music on November 1. Believe it or not, there's even a "Holiday Traditions" channel available year-round. I love Christmas, but it's just not as special as it used to be.

One of my favorite things about Christmas is giving to others. A lot of people volunteer or give generously from their heart to various causes at this time of year. Our amazing Moose members however, do this all year long. They work tirelessly to hold fundraising projects in support of our beloved twin cities Mooseheart and Moosehaven as well as those in need in their community.

In just the first six months of this fiscal year, Women of the Moose chapters have provided over $1.75 million in Community Service to those in need through volunteer hours, miles driven and dollars donated. That is an amazing amount in every sense of the word and chapter members should be proud.

At Moosehaven, chapters provide funds for special events that include the annual Christmas dinner and party, New Year's Eve party, off-campus trips as well as the many monthly social gatherings both on campus and at the LifeCare Center.

I believe that if we look at what our members do every day in our Moose homes, at Mooseheart and Moosehaven, it's like Christmas year-round, and that is something I don't mind at all. On behalf of the Women of the Moose across our continent, I wish each of you a very blessed Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. God bless. ■

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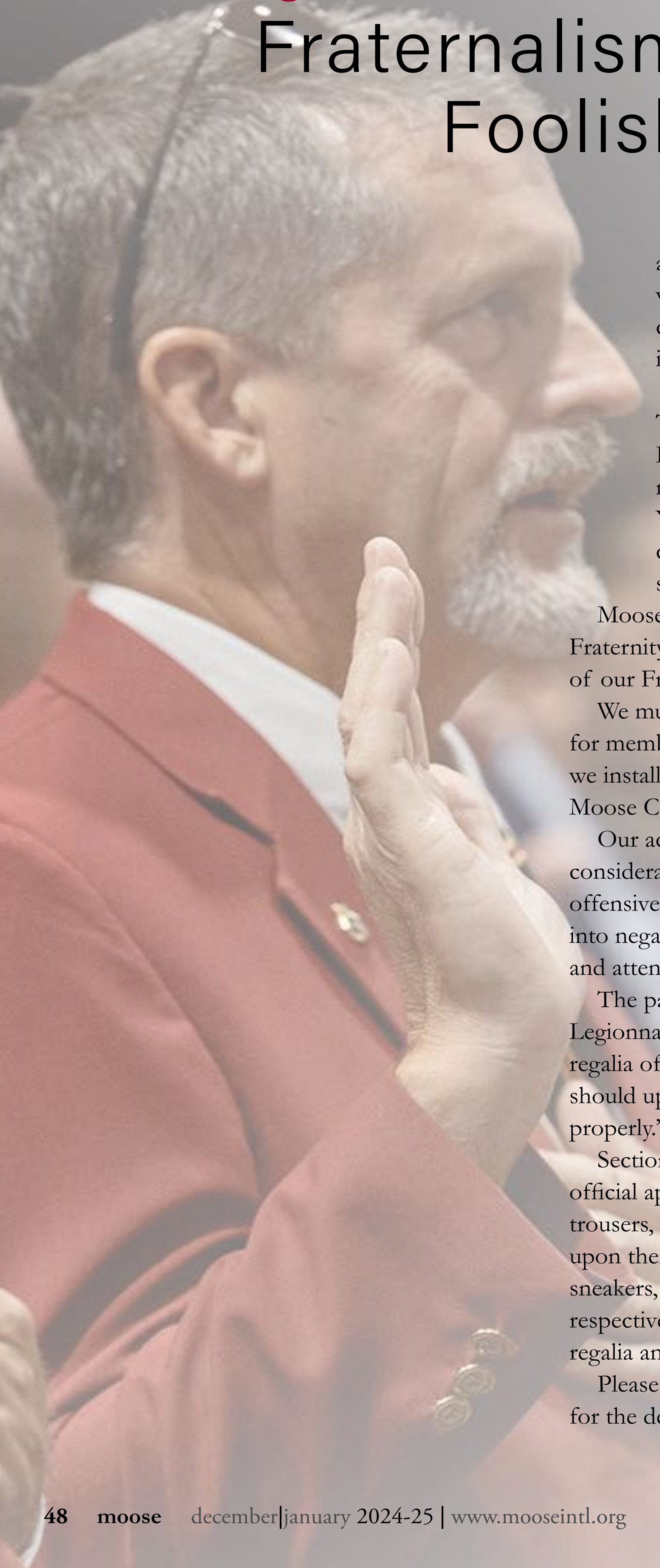

Most, if not all, Moose Legionnaires are aware that the mission of the Moose Legion is "to have fun while providing greater service to the Moose Fraternity." This combination has been unique to the Degree of Service during its 111 years of existence.

Moose Legionnaires should also know what elevation within The Moose means. In our conferral ceremony, the part of Loyalty provides a summary of the oath that was just taken by new members. There are expectations associated with elevation. You are held to a higher standard and your words and actions carry greater volume and meaning. You will increase your service to the causes we represent and you will be a leader.

Moose Legionnaires need to live up to these expectations, and the Fraternity needs them to do so. We must be examples of the good works of our Fraternity, not be a blemish.

We must conduct meetings properly and we owe it to our candidates for membership to present the conferral in a dignified manner. When we install our officers or we conduct the Golden Ball or Legacy of the Moose Ceremony, we need to convey their importance.

Our activities should be enjoyable for all attendees, taking into consideration that words and actions should not be degrading or offensive. We can't allow Moose Legion meetings and functions to turn into negative events that could potentially drive down future participation and attendance.

The part of Loyalty also informs new members about Moose Legionnaires being proud, and we show our pride by wearing the official regalia of our degree. The next time we update the ceremony, maybe we should update this line to read "wearing the official regalia of our degree properly."

Section 27. 1 of the Moose Legion Code of Rules clearly defines official apparel: degree blazer, striped tie with insignia, white shirt, black trousers, black slacks, and black shoes. Some members have taken it upon themselves to come up with their own takes on regalia: white sneakers, slacks of a color other than black, ties other than those of their respective degree, etc. We need to adhere to our prescribed guidelines for regalia and leave fashion ideas to America's Next Top Model.

Please focus on having fun while maintaining the dignity and respect for the degrees of The Moose. ■

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Lodge Visits Bring Many Highlights

Chairman of the Board Bob Funkey and his wife Cathy above attended Mooseheart Homecoming and Indiana Day festivities in September, which gave a chance to catch up on how his travels through the Moose Fraternity have gone.

What states have you visited in your first months as Chairman?

We've been to Vermont, New Hampshire Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

How have the first lodge visits gone?

Everybody has been very welcoming. Members are very proud to show off their lodges and the community service they are doing. We try to learn a little bit from them and then to share a bit with them.

What are some highlights of your lodge visits?

One thing you realize is that lodges are so different from one part of the country to another. The lodges in each state display the character and makeup of that area of the country, and that makes them unique and special.

Are you seeing enthusiasm for another membership increase?

People like to talk about reaching one million, but that's an eventual goal. What we are looking for this year is an increase and to keep that momentum. We are definitely on that pathway, and I know we are off to a really solid start to this year.

What do you tell lodges about community service?

I think one of the things that members need to remember is that the things they do in the community are seen in the community. Anything we do that touches lives and makes people say, "I want to be a part of that," those are the things we want to do. That's the whole purpose of "Embrace Our Communities." We want to do things where, if someone isn't a Moose member, they want to become a member. ■

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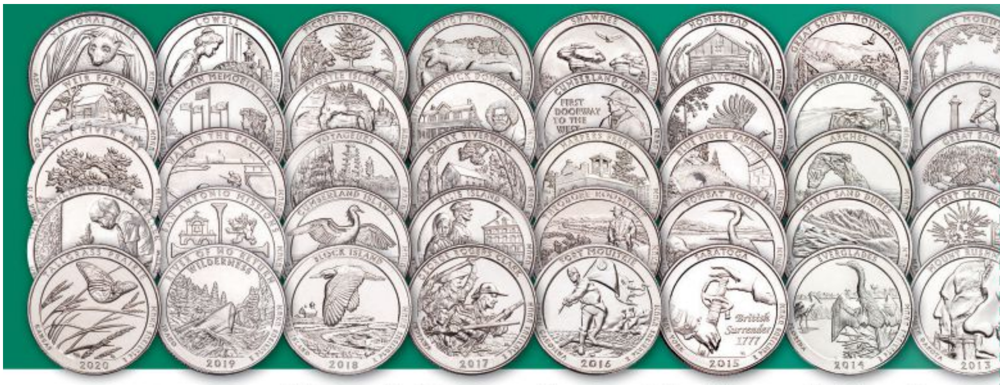

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By T.J. Roberts
Interactive News Media

After years of painstaking research, scientists have announced a bladder health discovery so radical it could end America's bladder leakage epidemic by 2029.

"This is a real game changer!" says Dr. Jennifer Sage. Some say, the newly released pill called BladderMax is going to threaten the adult diaper industry.

But just think about the millions of lives that will be saved from the embarrassment that comes from bladder control problems!

News of this remarkable pill called is creating a virtual flood of letters to the research company that developed it. One doctor says: This is the "holy grail for people with bladder problems!"

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The real power of BladderMax lies deep inside it's active ingredient. It contains a compound called phytosterols that prevents bladder leakages similar to the way pelvic floor exercises (commonly known as "kegels") do.

Jennifer Sage, a leading doctor says: "With BladderMax it doesn't take much to relieve your frequency. You just don't have to go as much anymore." The compound absolutely kills uncontrollable urges in just weeks after taking it. You'll swear your bladder has grown in size and strength.

The secret is its ability to inhibit 5-alpha-reductase (the enzyme that causes bladder overactivity). BladderMax's active ingredient helps calm and increase urine flow so your bladder doesn't have the constant need to empty. Then, it strengthens bladder tissue to help the bladder contract and expand for better confidence and control.

Think about it. A pill that calms that "gotta go feeling", as it rebuilds and tones bladder muscle. Incredibly, the leakages just disappear.

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If you leak when you laugh, cough, jump or do other physical activity, you'll never worry about stress-leakages again. BladderMax stops urine from leaking during times of stress.

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CLINICAL STUDIES DON'T LIE!

The clinical trial results on BladderMax's active ingredient have sent shockwaves throughout the medical community. The findings show it works to produce results scientists never thought were possible.

For example, doctors tested the active ingredient on patients who suffered with overactive bladder symptoms for years. The results showed users saw a huge reduction in sudden urges to go and embarrassing leakages in just 4 weeks. Plus, they had less nighttime trips to the bathroom.

In this same study, scientists had bladder sufferers take note of daily use of adult diapers, padded underwear or panty liners. The scientists then gave half the patients the active ingredient in BladderMax, with another group taking a placebo.

The result? The group taking BladderMax's active ingredient enjoyed a significant reduction in daily protection use, while the placebo group saw an increase.

That means, the active ingredient in BladderMax not only reduces trips to the bathroom, but also reduces the need for bulky adult diapers, which is amazing.

As new pill gains popularity, scenes like this will become rare and unusual.

100% SAFE

What's more, BladderMax contains no fillers, no binders, and it's produced in state-of-the-art FDA registered lab facilities. It's 100% safe, natural and won't interfere with your regular medications. So you can control your bladder with confidence.

ECSTATIC USERS

"My bladder problems are 80% better than they were just weeks ago. It seems to be improving daily. I now use minimum protection. It really does work," says Denise G., of Maineville, Ohio.

IMPRESSED DOCTORS

"I have patients who wake up 4 or more times in the night to pee. After just days of taking BladderMax they report only having to get up once or twice at most. That's why I'm now recommending my patients take BladderMax," said Dr. Jennifer Sage.

"BladderMax's active ingredient reduces the need for adult diapers and padded underwear. It's shown in clinical trials to improve sleep satisfaction and quality of life. Many top doctors, myself included, consider BladderMax the greatest bladder control breakthrough in the last decade," she added.

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